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Karen Bowling, Cabinet Secretary
Department of Health and Human Resources
One Davis Square, Suite 100 East
Charleston, West Virginia 25301

Dear Secretary Bowling:

Information has recently come to light concerning the deplorable practices and operations of Planned Parenthood that have raised concerns with respect to the levels of funding our state provides to this organization. Preliminary review of budget information seems to indicate that, while there is no specific line item appropriation to Planned Parenthood in the budget, approximately Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000) of state money may have been paid to Planned Parenthood of West Virginia under the Family Planning Program. It does not appear as if any of this money was used to provide abortion services.

While I do not wish to prohibit any necessary non-abortion related Family Planning Services, I would like your assistance in determining what steps can be taken to ensure that Planned Parenthood does not receive future funding from the state.

With that in mind, I would ask that you provide detailed information as to what payments have been made in the past Fiscal Year to Planned Parenthood or any related entity by any Division of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources. Also, please advise if the provision of any services obtained by these payments can be transferred to another entity by DHHR or if such a transfer would require legislative action to guarantee that future state money does not go to this organization.

I look forward to hearing from you concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Armstead".

Tim Armstead
Speaker